MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice for that question.

Population as per Religions and Castes.

45. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the respective numerical strength of Brahmins, Nairs, Roman Catholics, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans in the State according to the last census?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The numerical strength of the above classes according to the last census is as follows:—

Brahmins	...	60,511
Nairs	...	690,495
Roman Catholics	...	327,979
Christians (others)	...	844,955
Ezhavas	...	667,935
Mahomedans	...	270,478

Literacy in English.

46. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of English-knowing people to the total population in Travancore according to the last census?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The percentage is 1:5, excluding persons under five years of age.

Caste-war Statement of Foreign Scholars.

47 MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of persons who were awarded foreign scholarships during the last twelve years and also the number of Brahmins, Nairs, Roman Catholics, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans among them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The required statement* is laid on the table.

Caste-war Statement of Appointments made by the High Court.

48. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of appointments above Rs. 20 made by the High Court during the last seven years, and the number among them given to Brahmins, Nairs, Roman Catholics, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to call for the information as, in their opinion, the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of all proportion to its utility.

North Travancore and the Economic Development Board.

49. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any one on the Economic Development Board, who is a native of any of the taluks north of Kottayam?

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[Mr. C. Ramankunju.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer is in the negative.

Separation of Revenue and Judicial functions.

50. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Do the Government intend to completely divest revenue officers of their judicial powers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

Bombay Salt for Piravam Circle.

51. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for the present prohibition of the sale of Bombay salt in places included in the Piravam Circle?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: There is no such prohibition.

Punishments inflicted on Policemen.

52. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the punishments inflicted on policemen, both judicially and departmentally, during the last ten years, together with the nature of the offence committed by them in each case?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to call for the information, as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of all proportion to its utility.

Wells in South Travancore.

53. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to prepare and lay on the table a statement containing the following items of information in connection with the annual sinking of wells in places in South Travancore where drinking water is not available, from 1061 to 1097, as per the command of His Highness the Maha Raja in 1061 M. E:

(i) the number of wells sunk and the places where they have been sunk;

(ii) the amount expended each year for sinking them; and

(iii) the amount expended each year for their maintenance?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to call for the information as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of all proportion to its utility.

Reservation of Lands in the Kartikapalli and Karunagapalli Taluks for Assignment to Arayans.

54. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: As no *puduval* lands are available on the sea-coast of the Kartikapalli and Karunagapalli taluks and as the narrow strip of land between the main canal and the sea is annually washed away by the sea, will the Government be pleased to reserve all the unregistered lands now available between the sea and the main

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